



Maryland Department of Planning

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May 10, 2013

Mayor Kevin R. Utz
City of Westminster
56 West Main Street
Westminster, MD 21157

Dear Mayor Utz:

RE: MDP's review of adopted tier map; No comments

Thank you for providing the Department of Planning with a copy of the City of Westminster Growth Tier Map (dated November 12, 2012) administratively adopted by the City of Westminster on December 7, 2012. This action establishes growth tiers under Title 1, Subtitle 5 of the Land Use Article ("LU") of the Annotated Code of Maryland for the City of Westminster.

LU §1-505 allows the Department to comment on growth tiers adopted by local jurisdictions. The Maryland Department of Planning is pleased to advise you that the map adopted by the City of Westminster satisfies the statutory requirements of LU §1-508 for designation of growth tiers. The Department therefore has no comments on the adopted map.

Please be advised that the law requires that the growth tiers are to be incorporated into the City's comprehensive plan or an element of the plan when the City conducts its six year review of the plan. If the growth tiers are not incorporated into the comprehensive plan or an element of the plan during the 6-year review, the law indicates that the growth tiers may not be considered as adopted and the restrictions on major subdivisions outside sewer areas shall apply.

To date, we have not received a tier map from Carroll County. Should there be any conflicts between the City's mapping and that of the County, the Act provides a process for resolution.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Rich Josephson
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